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SUBJECT: GUADALAJARA KIDNAPPING

THE FOLLOWING TELEX FROM GUADALAJARA 7 MAY 73 IS REPEATED TO YOU
FOR YOUR INFORMATION

QUOTE

WIRENOTE MAY 7. 1973

FOR MINISTER DEAN FROM DOBYNS

THERE FOLLOWS A CHRONOLOGICAL ACCOUNT OF SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS
ON MAY 6 WITH RESPECT TO THE ABDUCTION OF CONSUL GENERAL
LEONHARDY:

10:00 A. M. DR. PIERCE ARRIVED AT RESIDENCE.

10:17 A. M. TELEPHONE CALL RECEIVED AT CONGEN RESIDENCE FROM MAN
WHO SAID " TELL MRS. LEONHARDY THAT AT 12 NOON SHE WILL RECEIVE
A TELEPHONE CALL FROM THE FUERZAS REVOLUCIONARIAS ARMADAS DEL
PUEBLO. DO NOT MENTION THIS CALL TO THE POLICE. YOU UNDERSTAND?"

11:00 A. M. DURING OUR TELEPHONE CONVERSATION YOU INFORMED ME OF
DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY POLICY REGARDING PRESS COVERAGE AND THAT
A PRESS STATEMENT FOR CONGEN LEONHARDY TO USE WOULD BE FORTH-
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COMING. I DID NOT INFORM YOU OF THE TELEPHONE CALL RECEIVED AT 10:17 BECAUSE I THOUGHT IF IT WAS GENUINE AND OUR PHONE WAS TAPPED BY THE F. R. A. P. I WOULD POSSIBLY ENDANGER NEGOTIATIONS FOR RELEASE OF THE CONGEN.

NOTE: I SUGGESTED TO MRS. LEONHARDY THAT SHE ANSWER ALL TELEPHONE CALLS RECEIVED AT THE RESIDENCE BETWEEN 11:45 A. M. AND 12:30 P. M.

12:15 P. M. MRS. LEONHARDY ANSWERED TELEPHONE AND A MAN SAID AT 3 P. M. FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS WOULD BE TELEPHONED REGARDING WHERE TO FIND A LETTER. THE MAN SAID " NO ONE IS TO KNOW OF THE CONTENTS OF THE ENVELOPE EXCEPT YOU."

12:40 P. M. FOREGOING INFORMATION RELAYED TO YOU DURING OUR TELEPHONE CONVERSATION.

1:00 P. M. MRS. LEONHARDY TELEPHONED GOVERNOR OROZCO ROMERO AND INFORMED HIM OF THE 12:15 CALL. HE SAID SEVERAL TIMES. " DO EXACTLY AS THEY SAY." AND HE ASKED THAT HE BE INFORMED OF INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN IN THE 3 P. M. CALL.

1:10 P. M. WHEN YOU TELEPHONED, MRS. LEONHARDY RELAYED TO YOU THE GOVERNOR' S COMMENTS.

3:30 P. M. MRS. LEONHARDY ANSWERED TELEPHONE AND MAN SAID, " A MESSAGE IS WAITING FOR YOU AT EL TEMPLO DE TALPITA IZQUIERDO SAGRADO CORAZON". SHE INFORMED CALLER SHE COULD NOT GO BUT COULD SEND A YOUNG OFFICER FROM THE CONSULATE GENERAL. HE SAID " NO HAY PROBLEMA."

3:40 P. M. VICE CONSUL CALDWELL, ACCOMPANIED BY EFREN CASTANEDA OF USIS DEPARTED FOR THE CHURCH MENTIONED IN THE 3:30 P. M. PHONE CALL.

4:05 P. M. MRS. LEONHARDY INFORMED GOVERNOR OROZCO ROMERO OF 3:30 P. M. CALL. HE ASKED TO BE KEPT INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS AND SAID WE HAD ACTED PROPERLY IN SENDING VICE CONSUL CALDWELL AND EFREN CASTANEDA TO PICK UP THE MESSAGE.

4:32 P. M. VICE CONSUL CALDWELL AND SR. CASTANEDA RETURNED WITH AN ENVELOPE CONTAINING A CARBON COPY OF A LETTER FROM THE F. R. A. P. ADDRESSED TO MRS. LEONHARDY DEMANDING A RANSOM OF 1,000 ,000 LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PESOS IN BILLS OF SPECIFIED DENOMINATIONS. THE LETTER SAID A CALL WOULD BE MADE TO MRS. LEONHARDY AT 5:45 P. M. TODAY TO FURTHER DISCUSS THE RANSOM DEMAND. ALSO IN THE ENVELOPE WAS A SHORT NOTE IN SPANISH FROM CONGEN LEONHARDY TO HIS WIFE. SHE SAID IT WAS DEFINITELY HIS HANDWRITING. HE SAID HE WAS SAFE AND WELL AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT ALL POSSIBLE WOULD BE DONE TO EFFECT HIS

EARLY RELEASE.

4:40 P. M. I TELEPHONED YOU TO PASS ON CONTENTS OF RANSOM NOTE.

4:45 P. M. MRS. LEONHARDY RECEIVED A PHONE CALL FROM FOREIGN MINISTER RABASA TO INQUIRE WHETHER ANYTHING HAD BEEN HEARD FROM THE CONGEN. SHE THANKED THE FONMIN FOR EVERYTHING THE GOM HAD DONE TO COMPLY WITH ALL DEMANDS OF THE FRAP. SHE THEN INFORMED HIM OF THE DEMANDS CONTAINED IN THE RANSOM NOTE. HE EXPRESSED HIS DISMAY AND SAID HE IS PREPARED TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO HELP. MRS. RABASA ALSO SPOKE WITH MRS. LEONHARDY.

5:00 P. M. THE CONGEN DUTY OFFICER PHONED TO REPORT THAT AN OFFICER FROM THE LOCAL POLICE STATION HAD PHONED TO SAY THEY HAD RECEIVED TWO LETTERS, ONE ADDRESSED TO CONSUL GUTIERREZ AND ONE TO THE DEAN OF THE CONSULAR CORPS. MR. GUTIERREZ RETURNED TO THE RESIDENCE ABOUT AN HOUR AND HALF LATER WITH THE LETTER. IT WAS FROM CONGEN LEONHARDY IN HIS HANDWRITING. THE TEXT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY COMMUNICATED TO THE EMBASSY. LETTERS WERE ALSO SENT TO GOVERNOR OROZCO ROMERO AND THE MAYOR OF GUADALAJARA. WE ASSUME THE TEXTS OF THESE 4 LETTERS ARE SIMILAR.

6:25 P. M. MRS. LEONHARDY RECEIVED A PHONE CALL FROM A MAN WHO SAID " WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO SAY ABOUT OUR NEW PROPOSAL." SHE SAID SHE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND WHY THEY HAD FAILED TO CARRY OUT THEIR END OF THE AGREEMENT NOW THAT THEIR COMPANIONS ARE IN CUBA. THE MAN KEPT TALKING THROUGHOUT HER STATEMENT AND AS SHE SAID " THIS IS SUNDAY. I CANNOT GET THE MONEY" HE SAID, " I WILL CALL BACK AT 8 AND HUNG UP."

6:35 P. M. MRS. LEONHARDY PHONED GOVERNOR OROZCO ROMERO AND TOLD HIM OF HER CONVERSATION WITH THE FRAP REPRESENTATIVE. I ALSO SPOKE WITH HIM AND HE SAID HE WAS AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS FROM FONMIN RABASA.

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6:50 P. M. TELEPHONED EMBASSY TO REPORT RECEIPT OF 6:25 P. M. PHONE CALL AND SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION WITH THE GOVERNOR.

7:00 P. M. COUNSELOR OF EMBASSY H. FREEMAN MATTHEWS, JR., ARRIVED AT RESIDENCE. DURING NEXT TWO HOURS MR. MATTHEWS AND I HAD SEVERAL TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS REGARDING THE ABDUCTORS' RANSOM DEMANDS. WE RECEIVED GUIDANCE AS TO WHAT MRS. LEONHARDY SHOULD TELL THE FRAP SPOKESMAN REGARDING THE RANSOM REQUEST.

AS OF MIDNIGHT THERE HAD BEEN NO FURTHER CALLS FROM THE FRAP.

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